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8. (Amended) A method of producing crystalline salts of 5-methyl-(6R,S)-, - (6S)- and 5-methyl-(6R)-tetrahydrofolic acid, [characterised in that salts] comprising subjecting a salt of 5-methyl-(6R,S)-, -(6S)- or -(6R)-tetrahydrofolic acid [are crystallised from] in a polar medium [after] to a thermal treatment, at a temperature above 60°C, and thereafter crystallizing said salt from the resultant heated solution.

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 10, Line 1: Delete "characterised in that" and insert --wherein the--.

Claim 11, Line 1: Delete "characterised in that" and insert --wherein the--.

Claim 12, Line 1: Delete "characterised in that" and insert --wherein the--.

Claim 13, Line 1: Delete "or 12, characterised in that" and insert --wherein the--.

Delete claims 14 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

A3 16. A method according to claim 8, wherein said salt is an alkaline earth salt.

A3 17. A method according to claim 8, wherein said salt is calcium.

push B3 18. A method of producing the crystalline salt of claim 5, comprising drying sufficiently a crystalline calcium salt of 5-methyl-(6S)-tetrahydrofolic acid with 2 theta values of 6.5, 13.3, 16.8 and 20.1 (Type I).

19. A method of producing the crystalline salt of claim 6, comprising subjecting to sufficient thermal treatment at above 90°C, a crystalline calcium salt of 5-methyl-(6S)-tetrahydrofolic acid with 2 theta values of 6.5, 13.3, 16.8 and 20.1 (Type I).